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METHODS AND REAGENTS

FOR THE DETECTION OF

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APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)

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Sir:

This Application is a request for reconsideration of the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b) that was issued in the above-identified application. Applicants submit herewith form PTO/SB/17, which authorizes the USPTO to charge the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(e) to applicants' deposit account.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 8 and 23-25 are pending and have been allowed.

Statement of Facts regarding the patent term adjustment, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.705 (b)(2),

is as follows:

The Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b), which was issued in conjunction with a Notice of Allowance, indicated that the patent term adjustment for the above-identified application is 24 days. Applicants disagree with the USPTO's calculation of the patent term adjustment.

Applicants believe they are entitled to a patent term adjustment of 476 days.

Applicants believe that they are entitled to a patent term credit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1). The above-identified application was filed on August 22, 2000, yet a notification under 35 U.S.C. § 132, in this case a Restriction Requirement, was not mailed until October 1, 2003. This time frame exceeds the allowed fourteen months. Therefore, applicants believe that, according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1), they are entitled to a patent term adjustment credit of 709 days.

Applicants also believe that they are subject to a patent term debit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b). A first Office Action was mailed on March 23, 2004. Applicants mailed a response to the first Office Action on July 23, 2004. The Office received the response on July 28, 2004. This time frame exceeds the allowed three months. Therefore, applicants believe that, according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b), they are subject to a patent term adjustment debit of 35 days.

In addition, applicants believe that they are subject to a patent term debit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(c)(7). A Notice to File Missing Parts was mailed on June 26, 2001. Applicants mailed a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts on July 5, 2001. The Office received the response to the Notice to File Missing Parts on July 9, 2001. A Notice of Incomplete Reply was mailed on December 6, 2001. Applicants mailed a response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply on December 17, 2001. The Office received the response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply on January 23, 2002. Applicants believe that, according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(c)(7), they are subject to a patent term adjustment beginning on the day after the date the reply having an omission was filed, which is July 10, 2001, and ending on the date that the reply

correcting the omission was filed, which is January 23, 2002. Therefore, applicants believe that, according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(c)(7), they are subject to a patent term adjustment debit of 198 days.

Applicants note that the Office mailed a Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures on February 22, 2002. Applicants mailed a response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures on April 22, 2002 along with a Preliminary Amendment, which was received by the Office on April 29, 2002. This time frame does not exceed the allowed three months. Therefore, applicants believe that, according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b), they are not subject to a patent term adjustment for this time period.

Finally, applicants believe that the Notice of Abandonment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (f) or (g) mailed by the Office on September 9, 2002, which was directed to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed on February 22, 2002, was sent in error because a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts was timely filed, within the two month period, on April 22, 2002. Accordingly, applicants believe that they should not be penalized for the Notice of Abandonment.

No time was consumed by continued examination, an interference proceeding, imposition of a secrecy order, review by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences or delay in processing of the application requested by the applicants for the above-identified application [37 C.F.R. §1.702(b)].

In light of the above and the fact that this patent application is not subject to a terminal disclaimer, applicants believe that the correct patent term adjustment should be a credit of 476 days (709 - 35 - 198 = 476).

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the USPTO's calculation of the patent term adjustment for the above-identified application is incorrect. Applicants believe they are entitled to a credit of 476 days, rather than 24 days. Accordingly, reconsideration of the calculation of the patent term adjustment is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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